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Sent: Thur 4/17/2014 10:26:38 PM
Subject: RE: Pend Oreille TMDL meeting with the Kalispel Tribe and EPA

Hi Melissa

We were hoping to have a face to face, though some participants will be calling in. We may be able to arrange for video conferencing.

From: Gildersleeve, Melissa (ECY) [mailto:MGIL461@ECY.WA.GOV]
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 2:49 PM
To: Rueda, Helen
Subject: RE: Pend Oreille TMDL meeting with the Kalispel Tribe and EPA

Helen—is this a conference call or do we need to factor in travel time--melissa

From: Rueda, Helen [mailto:Rueda.Helen@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 11:54 AM
To: Bartlett, Heather (ECY); Gildersleeve, Melissa (ECY)
Cc: Opalski, Dan
Subject: Pend Oreille TMDL meeting with the Kalispel Tribe and EPA

EPA is trying to schedule a meeting with Ecology and the Kalispel Tribe to discuss the Pend Oreille River Temperature TMDL. At this point the only date before June that the Tribe and EPA are available is April 30th from 12 to 2 pm. Could you let us know if you would be available for that time by the end of this week? We would like to schedule this meeting as early as possible.

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Hi Dan

I agree that facilitation "lite" would be a mistake. Ecology did express a very strong desire for a facilitator, though they did not state it as a requirement. I would like to look into the possibilities for a facilitator, given Ecology's strong interest.

Among the facilitators available in region, Deb Robinson has the most experience and would be my first choice. However, facilitation is no longer part of her job description, so it may be difficult to get her. Other possibilities that I am familiar with would be Judy Smith or Laurie Mann. The Tribe may have an issue with Laurie because she was on Ecology's Dispute Resolution Panel for this TMDL, so perhaps we should check with them prior to selecting her. Please let me know if there are others you would recommend or if you have preferences among the people I named.

There is some funding for Conflict Resolution available through HQ that we have been pursuing. My understanding is that this funding would be to hire an outside facilitator. Do you want us to stop looking into this option or just make sure that the funding would be sufficient and flexible enough to allow us our choice of facilitators and also allow them adequate time to prepare for the meeting?

Helen

From: Opalski, Dan
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 4:58 PM
To: Rueda, Helen
Cc: Croxton, Dave
Subject: Re: Pend Oreille TMDL - Facilitator

Helen --

Sorry, I am catching up. Based upon the way in which Ecology made the request -- not a have to have, is what I heard -- and given my own and I think the Tribe's level of appetite for something more than facilitation "lite," I would not be inclined to go to an outside facilitator. If we can't find someone to help internally I'd probably prefer to do without and essentially end up playing somewhat of a facilitator role myself.